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1. ON THE OCCASION OF A CALL ON GNERAL THIEU TO DISCUSS THE ELECTION RESULTS AND HIS FUTURE PLANS(REPORTED SEPARATELY) I CONVEYED THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING A POSSIBLE INITIATIVE IN THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL CONTAINED IN STATE 30024 TO HIM. I REASSURED HIM THAT NO FINAL DECISION WOULD BE MADE WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH THE GVN AND THE OTHER TROOP CONTRIBUTING COUNTIES. HE ASKED WHAT PROSPECTS WE SAW FOR A SECURITY COUNCIL INITIATIVE. I SAID WE WERE NOT SURE AS YET

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WHAT MIGHT DEVELOP BUT THAT EVEN IF A RESOLUTION WERE VETOED, SUCH AN INITIATIVE WOULD BE WORTHWHILE FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF PUBLIC OPINION BOTH IN THE US AND ABROAD, PROVIDED IT HAS A REASONABLE MAJORITY, AND WE WOULD NOT WANT TO UNDERTAKE IT UNLESS WE WERE ASSURED OF THIS. I SAID THAT IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL WITH THE CRITICS OF OUR VIETNAM POLICY.

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2. I ALSO RAISED WITH THIEU THE MATTER OF FURTHER INITIATIVES IN THE DIRECTION OF NEGOTIATIONS. HE ASSURED ME THAT HE WOULD NOT BE MAKING ANY MOVES ON HIS SIDE WITHOUT FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH US.
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